

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 1, Line 4 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

This invention relates to apparatus for restraining an infant during diaper changing and for providing a protective barrier for the changing surface and/or diaper changer. More particularly, this invention relates to apparatus having an adjustable, quick-release strap system for restraining the upper torso (e.g. shoulders) of an infant during a diaper changing operation which preferably includes a padded fabric pocket/cover which is ~~capable of~~ capable of housing a foldable insert barrier layer (for ease of storage and/or transport) which can be removed for ease of cleaning.

Please add the following paragraph beginning at Page 6, line 12 of the Specification:

"In further embodiments, this invention provides:

apparatus for restraining an infant during a diaper changing operation and for shielding a changing surface and/or diaper changer during a diaper changing operation, the apparatus comprising:

a generally planar shield portion having an upper surface for supporting an infant and a lower surface for contacting a diaper changing support surface, the shield portion comprising a fabric pocket, the fabric pocket having a plurality compartments having apertures separated one from another by restriction portions, each of the plurality of

compartments housing one of a plurality of generally rigid, removable inserts, each insert comprising a generally stiff barrier material;

the fabric pocket being foldable at the restriction portions such that the fabric pocket is foldable into a compact unit;

the fabric pocket having a top portion and a bottom portion and a middle portion extending between the top and the bottom portions;

a restraining apparatus for restraining shoulders of an infant during a diaper changing operation, the restraining apparatus comprising an adjustable strap system, the adjustable strap system having at least a right strap and a left strap, the right and left straps connecting to the fabric pocket proximal the top portion at one end and proximal the middle portion at another end, and each the right and left straps including a matable element of a quick release system and being connectable one to the other by engaging the matable elements of the quick release system;

the fabric pocket including an inner liquid permeable shell; and

the fabric pocket including an outer liquid permeable shell and a layer of padding sandwiched between said inner and said outer shells.”